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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/722,486

Applicants: Masato HIRAMATSU, et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR STRUCTURE,  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AND METHOD AND  
APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Group Art Unit: 2811

Examiner: KANG, DONOGHEE

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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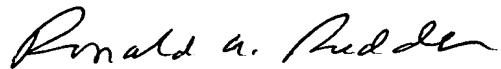
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 14, 2005, Applicants elect without traverse Claims 1-4 and 12-18 as readable on Group I drawn to a semiconductor device. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

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Reply to the Office Action of February 14, 2005

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that an examination on the merits of Claims 1-4 and 12-18 be conducted.

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